

rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Scott of Virginia, Pocan, Jeffries, DeSaulnier, Garrett, Maxine Waters of California, Dold, Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Sewell of Alabama, Collins of Georgia, Polis, Bridenstine, Jackson Lee, Gibson, Butterfield, Walker, Tonko, Richmond, Titus, Bera, Castro of Texas, and Lawrence.

#### **AN OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "An Overview of the Department of Energy's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2016". Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1030, the "Secret Science Reform Act of 2015"; and H.R. 1029, the "EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015". H.R. 1030 and H.R. 1029 were both ordered reported, as amended.

#### **THE SBA BUDGET FOR FY 2016: DOES IT MEET THE NEEDS OF AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES?**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The SBA Budget for FY 2016: Does it Meet the Needs of America's Small Businesses?". Testimony was heard from Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

#### **PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs". Testimony was heard from Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Paul "Chip" N. Jaenichen, Sr., Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; MAINTAINING THE DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND'S SOLVENCY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held an organizational meeting for the

114th Congress and a hearing on maintaining the Disability Insurance Trust Fund's solvency. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from Charles P. Blahous III, Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees; and public witnesses.

#### **WORLD WIDE THREATS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "World Wide Threats". This hearing was closed.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Helm, The American Legion, Washington, D.C.

#### **SERBIA'S OSCE LEADERSHIP**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Serbia's leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on priorities and insights regarding the ongoing work of the OSCE, after receiving testimony from First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Ivica Dacic, Belgrade, Serbia.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to resume hearings to examine worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "End Modern Slavery and Trafficking Initiative Act of 2015", 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine medical and public health preparedness and response, focusing on future threats, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, S. 166, to stop exploitation through trafficking, and the nominations of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, and Armando Omar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for Veterans' programs and fiscal year 2017 advance appropriations request, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing to better understand the SNAP population through published research, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy budget, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Navy budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, oversight hearing on the vital responsibility of serving the nation's aging and disabled communities, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Environmental Protection Agency budget, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Transportation budget, 1 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Architect of the Capitol and Library of Congress budgets, 1:30 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Outside Perspectives on the President's Proposed Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Strategic Forces", 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "The Blacklisting Executive Order: Rewriting Federal Labor Policies Through Executive Fiat", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the FY 2016 HHS Budget", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Update: Patent Demand Letter Practices and Solutions", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration—Part II", 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "Across the Other Pond: U.S. Opportunities and Challenges in the Asia Pacific", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "The President's New Cuba Policy and U.S. National Security", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint hearing entitled "The Shame of Iranian Human Rights", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled "Assessing DHS's Performance: Watchdog Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Addressing Remaining Gaps in Federal, State, and Local Information Sharing", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled "ISIL in America: Domestic Terror and Radicalization", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on H.R. 870, the "Puerto Rico Chapter 9 Uniformity Act of 2015", 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "The U.S. Copyright Office: Its Functions and Resources", 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, hearing entitled "From Health Care Enrollment to Tax Filing: A PPACA Update", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Interior, hearing entitled "Examining the Impacts of EPA Air and Water Regulations on the States and the American People", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "IRS: TIGTA Update", 7 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Overview of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposals for the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Standards and Technology”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1021, the “Protecting the Integrity of Medicare Act of 2015”; H.R. 284, the “Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 876, the “NOTICE Act”; and H.R. 887, the “Electronic Health Fairness Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.